

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 19, 2012

MINUTES

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at 11:00 a.m. on January 19, 2012 at 1700 West Washington St., Room 200, Phoenix AZ 85007. *(Full transcript available on request)*

Members Present

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| Dora Vasquez, Chairman | Marc Ashton CEO, Foundation for Blind Children |
| Jim Drake on behalf of Secretary of State Ken Bennett | Carol Warren, Citizen Public Member |
| Juliana Yoder, Citizen Public Member | James Garrison State Historic Preservation Officer Arizona State Parks |
| Karen Churchard, Citizen Public Member | Jay Ziemann on behalf of Director Renee Bahl, Arizona State Parks |
| Lisa Schnebly-Hedinger, Citizen Public Member | The Honorable Ken Bennett Secretary of State – via phone |
| Joan Clark, Director; Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records – via phone | John Langellier, Director Sharlot Hall Museum – via phone |
| Catherine May, Public Member, SRP – via phone | Teresita Majewski Historic Site Review Committee – via phone |

Members Absent

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| Karen Liersch on behalf of John Huppenthal Arizona Department of Education – via phone | Scott Cancelosi, Citizen Public Member |
| Beth Grindell, Director Arizona State Museum | Anne Woosley, Executive Director Arizona Historical Society |
| Mark Stanton on behalf of Sherry Henry Arizona Office of Tourism | |

Guests

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| Norman Fisk, CEO – Diamond Valley Productions | Lola White |
| Tom White | |

CALL TO ORDER

Dora Vasquez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair reported that commission member, Nancy Ledeboer, has tendered her resignation due to moving out of the state. Chair requested that the Secretary of State's

Office fill this position at the earliest possible date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no changes to the minutes as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting was made by Jay Ziemann. Lisa Schnebly-Heidinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Chair reported that she had nothing to discuss under this agenda item.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Arizona Centennial Commission Update

Karen Churchard presented the Centennial update report. Ms. Churchard noted that, despite extensive negotiations, the Tucson Best Fest would not take place. Subsequent to this, the business community in Tucson approached the Commission with a request for support for an Arizona Centennial Celebration event to be held on February 10th, 11th and 12th. The Commission agreed to be a 50% financial partner for this event.

The Best Fest in Phoenix is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th and Saturday, February 12th. The Statehood Day celebration will be on Tuesday, February 14th.

Best Fest events include the Centennial Ride featuring the Copper Chopper and an estimated 2,000 motorcyclists who will ride from Mesa Riverview to the Capitol. The drawing for the raffle winner of the Copper Chopper will take place on Saturday.

Statehood Day events include an American Indian Sunrise Ceremony, a reenactment of Governor Hunt's walk from the Fort Hotel to the Capitol and the first sale of the postmarked cancellations of the Arizona Forever Stamp commemorating our Statehood. Fandango Arizona concludes the festivities.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Centennial Legacy Projects – Juliana Yoder reported that the Programs Committee did not meet in December, but has a meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23rd. Chair suggested and AHAC members agreed to hold a telephone meeting subsequent to the 23rd to vote on the recommendations of the committee.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Drake presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Scott Cancelosi who will be out for some time due to illness. The commission expressed, to Scott, their hopes for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Drake reported that sufficient fundraising has been accomplished to repay the \$30,000 in funds advanced by AHAC to the Goldwater Statue Selection Panel.

Centennial Medallions – A photocopy of the final artwork on the Medallions was distributed to Commission members. Anne Wallace reported that the final selection of a

mint went to the Wisconsin firm because the Arizona Mint is not able to certify the purity of their metals to the Arizona Department of Weights & Measures.

Final cost on the copper coin is \$3.25 and on the silver coin is \$52.90. Shipping charges are extra. The gold coin must be pre-ordered and paid for and will cost approximately \$2,565 plus shipping. All prices are subject to fluctuations in the price of the base metals as well as shipping and other charges. Discussion was held on the number of copper and silver coins to purchase for sale at the upcoming events in February.

Motion was made by Lisa Schnebly-Heidinger and seconded by Karen Churchard that Anne Wallace be given the authority to do further research on the number of coins needed and to spend an amount on purchase of the coins not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried.

Note was made by Chair that Medallions as well as the Arizona Quarter and the envelopes with postmarked cancellations of the AZ stamp will be sold during both Best Fest and Statehood Day.

Goldwater Statue – Anne Wallace reported that fundraising was proceeding. Jim Drake reported that the Goldwater Statue Advisory Panel, having reviewed in detail the work of the final four artists, is recommending to AHAC that Deborah Copenhaver-Fellows be selected to sculpt the final statue.

Motion to approve the Panel's recommendation of Deborah Copenhaver-Fellows to create the Goldwater Statue was made by Joan Clark and seconded by John Langellier.

Catherine May brought up the subjects of letters to all of the finalists, a press release and oversight of the on-going statue creation. Jim Drake reported that dual signature letters to be signed by both Dora Vasquez (AHAC Chair) and Secretary of State Ken Bennett (Selection Panel Chair) were in process. The Secretary of State's Office is working on a press release. Basic oversight of the artist has been accomplished for the length of the project.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tom White, retired Dean of Business, gave a short summary of the particulars involved in the Orphan Abduction of 1904 that resulted in court actions and very nearly impacted Arizona's Statehood.

Mrs. Lola White attended the AHAC meeting to talk about the official State butterfly – the two-tail swallowtail – and to obtain information on submitting a Legacy Project.

Mr. Norman Fisk, CEO of Diamond Valley Productions mentioned the completion of the DVD titled Arizona 66 – a video presentation of the Historic Route 66.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Other than a phone meeting next week to discuss the Program Committee's recommendations on Legacy Projects, the next AHAC meeting will be on February 9th. In addition, a schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2012 has been sent to members and the Chair requested feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.